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## EXPECT GROWTH IN GENERAL TRADE WITH BRITAIN

### EXPORTS MAINLY RAW MATERIALS OF REARMAMENT

Expansion in Trade in Farm Products, However, Something for Future

#### STALEMATED IN PART

Move for Wheat Payment \$2 Fails — Livestock Exports to U.S. Down

By M. McDougall, Press Gallery Leader Correspondent

OTTAWA, May 30th. — There is likely to be a considerable increase in this country's exports to Great Britain in the coming months, but the increase in the main will be in raw materials, reflecting the stress being placed on preparedness.

Our exports to Britain have been on the decline since 1947. For the year beginning July, 1951, the outlook is for an increase of 50 per cent in the value of exports compared with the calendar year 1950.

#### Stress British Export Drive

The Canada-United Kingdom continuing trade committee which was begun as a trade link in 1948, was in session here for three days in the fourth week of May. In the meetings, emphasis was placed on the necessity of encouragement of the British export drive.

Sales to Canada have shown "welcome progress" since the previous meeting of the committee. Britain is now independent of dollar aid from either Canada or the United States. There is, however, a strong pressure on economic resources through defence programs. Canada's exports to Britain in the next twelve months are expected to reach about \$675,000,000. In 1950 they amounted to \$450,000,000.

#### Delegation from West Indies

Trade matters are also being discussed in Ottawa with a delegation from the British West Indies. These discussions are being held in closed sessions. Canada is seeking to increase its exports to the B.W.I. Difficulties in trade with the islands were a major reason for an arrangement made by Canada with Cuba at the Torquay conference for the purchase of a portion of her requirements of sugar from that country. The C.N.R. Steamship Lines sailing to and from the B.W.I. was inadequate to assist trade with the islands.

There is no need to refer to the stalemate in the export of a number of agricultural products to Great Britain, formerly under contract. The growth of general trade is, however, a good sign and an expansion of trade in farm products is something for the future.

The export of wheat, of course, comes under the International Trade Agreement. A question raised in the House of Commons on whether an effort might be made to renegotiate the prices under this agreement was nega-

### Hannam Greets Awakening of Under-privileged Lands

#### In City Where World Farmers Are Meeting



In Mexico City, where the sessions of the International Federation of Agricultural Producers are being held this week, reminders of an ancient civilization and the architecture of mediaeval times contrast with ultra-modern business construction. Above is a view of the Cathedral, with the historic plaza in the foreground. Here emperors have been crowned — and overthrown; liberators have been proclaimed; Christian churches have been built on the ruins of pagan temples; Indians have been tortured.

—Photo by Ivan Dmitri, courtesy Saturday Evening Post.

### Farmers' Day, June 8, To Be School Holiday

Farmers' Day, Friday, June 8th, will be observed throughout Alberta as a school holiday. Henry Young, F.U.A. President, stated recently that his organization appreciated the action of the Provincial Government in declaring the school holiday, and would continue to press for a statutory "Farmers' Holiday" which would be generally observed.

tived as quite impractical, the number of importing countries being many times greater than the number of exporters, and it would be quite impossible for these countries to come to an agreement to increase the prices.

#### Move for \$2 Payment Beaten

A further suggestion (by the CCF) that the Government should give consideration "to the advisability of making the final payment on the 1950-51 wheat crop an amount that will bring the total payment for the said crop to not less than \$2.00 per bushel for Number 1 Northern, basis in store Fort William, Port Arthur or Vancouver" was beaten by a vote of 117 to 33.

Whether the opening of the border to the export of hogs to the United States will mean a substantial amount of export remains still to be seen. Up to May 23rd this year, the number shipped from Canada to U.S. was 1,720, the largest amount being from Alberta, 646, with Ontario 454 and Quebec 421. Whether the idea started in Alberta, of raising hogs for a few weeks and sending them over to the U.S. for feeding

### Big New Seam, S. Wales

CARDIFF, Wales — A big new seam of anthracite coal has been discovered in South Wales, which will yield 1,000,000 tons a year.

The thirtieth annual Feeders' Day will be held at the University Farm, Edmonton, on Saturday, June 2nd.

#### FIELD DAY, JUNE 15th

On Friday, June 15th, at the Lacombe Experimental Farm, the tenth annual field day for advanced registry for swine will be held. Roy C. Marler, Bremer, will be chairman for the program of addresses and discussions on the breeding and feeding of swine, and other aspects of this branch of the farm industry.

at central state's corn silos, will develop is another question.

Hog marketing in Canada up to May 19th amounted to 1,885,463 compared with 2,002,133 in the same period last year. Cattle to date were 538,888 compared with 570,989, while sheep and lambs were 72,152 compared with 67,800.

It is difficult for some agricultural authorities here to understand why so little general interest exists among farmers in the raising of sheep.

#### Exports to U.S.

For this year's period export of livestock to the United States amounted to 77,533, compared to 128,250 in the same period last year. The corresponding export of dairy and purebred cattle was 24,957 this year and 25,920 last. In calves, the reduction was more marked, this year's figure being 5,732, compared with 15,906, while export of sheep and lambs amounted to 14,266 compared with 59,172 last year.

President of World Farmers' Union Opens Conference in Mexico City

#### BROAD SURVEY

About 30 Delegates From Canadian Farm Organizations Attending

MEXICO CITY, May 30th. — Affirming that the building up of arms alone cannot prevent war; but that removal of grave inequalities and the raising of the level of existence for many millions of the world's population are essential to the attainment of a secure peace, Dr. H. H. Hannam, President of the International Federation of Agricultural Producers, and of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, made a broad survey of problems now facing the nations, and stressed the importance of achieving higher standards of nutrition, when he opened the Fifth Annual I.F.A.P. Conference in Mexico City on Tuesday.

#### Should Give Aid

Dr. Hannam referred to the "awakening" of the "under-privileged countries" of the world which marks the era in which we live, and solemnly warned the powerful democracies of the world not to try to block social change or the striving towards better conditions in these lands. Instead aid should be given from our own abundance and of our own skills.

Delegates from every continent are attending, the sessions which were preceded by a tour of the visitors arranged by the hosts.

The business sessions will be concluded on June 8th.

#### Delegates from Canada

Some 30 representatives of Canadian farm organizations are attending. S. S. Sears, a director of United Grain Growers which is affiliated nationally with the C.F.A. is a delegate from that organization; and President Ben S. Plumer of the Alberta Wheat Pool, representing the A.F.A. in the national delegation. George E. Church (accompanied by Mrs. Church) Vice-President of the A.F.A. and President of the U.F.A. Co-operative, and M. H. Ward, Vice-President of the Co-operative, drove down from Alberta. George E. Coote, Director of the Alberta Wheat Pool, and Leonard D. Nesbitt, Director of Publicity, flew down for the Conference. Colin G. Groff, Secretary-Treasurer of the C.F.A. is attending this year's Conference as a delegate.

LONDON, Eng. — Britain's largest oil tanker was launched recently at Barrow shipyards. It is of 28,000 tons and will be used to carry crude oil to Britain from the Persian Gulf.



# Central Alberta Dairy Pool Section

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## Four Important Days In June For all Interested in Dairying and Forage Crops

- **Tuesday, June 19th.** The 26th Annual Meeting of the Central Alberta Dairy Pool at Rimbev (see announcement on this page for full particulars); and then for all interested in dairying and forage crops.

### AT RIMBEY

- **Wednesday, June 20th.** A Dairy Field Day at Darby & Sons farm, two miles west of Rimbev.

### AT MARKERVILLE

- **Thursday, June 21st.** A Dairy Field Day at Einor Thompson's farm, one mile east of the Markerville Creamery.

### AT NEAPOLIS

- **Friday, June 22nd.** A Dairy Field Day at G. McCaig's farm adjacent to the cheese factory at Neapolis, ten miles east and one mile south of Didsbury.

### Field Days Make Wide Appeal to Dairy Pool Members



## 26th Annual Meeting

PLACE ..... Rimbev  
 LOCATION ..... The Theatre  
 DATE ..... Tuesday, June 19th  
 TIME ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 BANQUET ..... United Church 6:30 p.m.

### Guest Speaker:

**D. R. NICHOLSEN, Esq.**

President, Fraser Valley Milk Producers Association Ltd., Vancouver.

Central Alberta Dairy Pool

Even larger attendance than that of last year is anticipated at the coming Dairy Field Days. The pictures above recall a few of the most interesting features of the 1950 events.

**Top:** Part of the crowd listening to J. E. Birdsall, at the Dairy Field Day at Condor.

**Centre:** Ladies' Cream Judging Competition at Rocky Mountain House.

**Third Picture:** Part of the crowd at the Dairy Field Day at Rocky Mountain House.

## CENTRAL ALBERTA DAIRY POOL SECTION

## Program for the Dairy Field Days at Rimbey, Markerville and Neapolis

The Alberta Dairymen's Association, in co-operation with the Provincial Department of Agriculture, have arranged for the following program at each of the Field Days:

### Speakers:

1. The Dairy Commissioner, Mr. D. H. McCallum. Subject: "The Present Dairy Situation and Outlook."

2. Mr. J. E. Birdsall, Supervisor Crop Improvement Service, Field Crops Branch, Alberta, Department of Agriculture. Subject: "Discussion on Hay and Pasture."

3. Mr. R. P. Dixon, Supervisor of Live Stock Improvement, Alberta Department of Agriculture. Subject: "Livestock Judging — Demonstration and Competition."

4. Dr. E. Ballantyne or Dr. J. O'Donaghue, Government Veterinary Branch. Subject: "Discussion on Cattle Diseases."

5. A milking machine clinic demonstration on approved machine milking and care and cleaning of dairy utensils.

At each field day there will be a cattle judging competition, with cash prizes; and for the ladies, at the Markerville day, there will be a cream judging competition with cash prizes.

At the Rimbey day, a quality cream competition will be held. Please see Mr. Fry, our manager, at Rimbey for particulars.

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### Causes of Failures to Establish Grasses in Some Central Districts

LACOMBE, Alberta. — Insufficient moisture, during recent dry springs, soil drifting and cutworms have been contributing causes in many failures to establish stands of grasses and legumes in some districts in Central Alberta, states H. B. Stelfox of Lacombe Experimental Farm. Adequate covering of the seed is important, he suggests; half an inch is the optimum depth for seeding small-seeded grasses and from half to one inch for the larger-seeded sorts. Separate seeding of a companion crop is recommended, with the forage crop cross-seeded at the proper depth. A firm bed is essential; shallow tillage in preparation, with packing following seeding is suggested. June is usually the most favorable month for spring forage seedings in the area referred to, states Mr. Stelfox.

### ASSETS \$4,548,902

SASKATOON — Saskatchewan Cooperative Credit Society closed their last financial year with assets of \$4,548,902, it was reported to the recent annual meeting in this city.

### Record That Stood 23 Years Is Broken



Lifloc Macaber Re-Echo as senior four-year-old produced in 305 days, three times a day milking, 27,978 pounds of milk containing 995 lbs. of fat. She thus broke a world record for milk production that had stood for 23 years. This Holstein-Friesian heifer was bred and is owned by Norman W. McConkey, Peterborough, Ontario.

The previous champion for milk and still World Champion for fat was **Canary Korndyke Alcartra** owned by B. H. Thompson, Moose Jaw, Sask. Continued on test for the full year the McConkey heifer gave 31,058 lbs. milk and 1,132 lbs. fat which record stands second for both milk and fat for all time in Canada.

Lifloc Macaber Re-Echo and her dam are both World Champions, a very rare combination. The dam, **Re-Echo May Burke**, owned by J. E. Houck, Brampton, last December completed a 365-day record as an eleven-year-old of 35,314 lbs. milk and 1,261 lbs. fat.

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**DR. HANNAM'S WARNING**

In his address to the International Federation of Agricultural producers in Mexico City on Tuesday, Dr. H. H. Hannam, President of the Federation, spoke of the awakening of the peoples of the under-privileged countries of the world not as something to be deplored. This awakening, he believed, provided an opportunity for the more favored nations.

Dr. Hannam warned against attempts to block the developing process of change. He urged rather that we of the wealthy democracies give all the assistance we can to enable those who are less favored to attain an ordered and beneficent transformation.

Dr. Hannam's warning, we think, is as timely as it is wise. It expresses the spirit of the world farmers' organization and of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), as Lord Boyd-Orr conceived that affiliate body of the United Nations.

Leaders such as these do not of course condemn provision for national defence. They do see that the raising of standards of well-being in technically backward lands is essential to the attainment of a stable world economy; that until the level of existence of the people of the poorest lands can be raised in substantial measure towards that of the richest — until at least a good beginning has been made in the closing of the existing gap — nothing else that we can do can make peace secure.

**BUILDING CONSUMER DEMAND**

In detailed discussion of some aspects of the marketing problem in our last issue, Ellis A. Johnstone, General Manager of the Central Alberta Dairy Pool, stressed the need to build a greater consumer demand for dairy products. He presented a forceful case for the sales promotion plan, based on the June Set-Aside, in which all branches of the industry are co-operating.

The present program, as Gilbert McMillan, President of the Dairy Farmers of Canada, has pointed out, is in fact helping to increase the demand for dairy foods, and is thus creating a greater market which could take care of increased production. General satisfaction with the first six months of the campaign, he stated, has been expressed by farm groups across the country.

"When 430,000 dairy farmers must supply dairy foods for more than 14 million people," said Mr. McMillan, "as is the case in Canada today, the preservation and expansion of the dairy industry becomes a matter of the utmost importance to Canadians. This works out at one dairy farmer to every 32 people. Add to that the fact that the dairy cattle population of our dairy farms is decreasing with alarming rapidity, and the seriousness of this situation for our citizens is apparent."

In discussing the remedies that must be applied — increased consumer demand being among them — Mr. McMillan added: "Even if we get a price that permits profitable production, we must also have the outlet for the sale of all we can produce."

**JUNE**

The brides of June now march in sweet procession  
Through drab and doleful pages of the news.  
They offer from our cares a gay digression,  
And through the gloom a ray of cheer diffuse.  
For here in bridal robes we see hope winging  
Above the common trials of the day,  
With radiant faith in this new life's beginning  
And cherished dreams fulfilled along the way.  
The pageantry of brides and flowers June brings us,  
A treasury of loveliness lays bare,  
And strikes a note of tenderness that sings us  
A lullaby that lures the heart to share  
The glories of the season as it flies  
Too fast, too soon, beyond our eager eyes.

— ISA GRINDLAY JACKSON.

**CONFlict IN CHINA POLICIES**

Ottawa Citizen

By indulging in the China-baiting for which General MacArthur was recalled spokesmen of the Truman administration have caused much bewilderment outside the United States. Yet what is taking place may be not so much a shift of position as a hardening of attitude under the pressure of criticism, a blunt restatement of fundamental policy. General MacArthur would wage full-scale war on China; General Bradley holds this would be "the wrong war, at the wrong time, in the wrong place, and with the wrong enemy." As strategy, the two opinions are incompatible, but politically their advocates, together with most Democrats and Republicans, seem not far apart in the interpretation of events.

In countries where a subtler analysis of the Far Eastern crisis prevails, Mr. Dean Rusk's speech last weekend is shocking in its militant hostility toward China not because of its novelty but because of its obduracy. It suggests the frustration of efforts to compromise differences with Washington on this matter. At one point, Mr. Dean Acheson, the secretary of state, did acquiesce in an approach by the United Nations cease-fire committee to Peiping. But he rejected the Chinese reply in little more than an hour after it began coming over the news wires and demanded that China be formally condemned. Many Governments that disapproved of this course finally gave in, on the assurance that negotiation would still be emphasized.

But as Mr. Walter Lippmann points out, Washington seems inclined to make this issue one of the survival of the Peiping government, on which the Chinese can hardly negotiate.

Mr. Rusk, the Assistant Secretary of state for Far Eastern Affairs, declared the Peiping regime is not the Government of China. "It does not pass the first test. It is not Chinese." He said the Chiang Kai-Shek regime on Formosa will continue to be recognized and aided by the United States, and that an effort by Chinese to overthrow the Peiping regime would have American help. Yet Washington's White Paper of August, 1949, exposed the corruption of Chiang Kai-Shek's regime. Though hostile to the revolution, it noted that the Chinese Communists were rising to power not by the material aid of Moscow but by their own skill in winning popular support and military victories.

Communist China is now in alliance with the Soviet Union and receiving help from it.

But the other day Sir Oliver Franks, Britain's ambassador in Washington, remarked that the Russians are taking pains to treat China as equal and independent. He believed an attempt to make China subservient would be resisted. This analysis envisages the possibility of a Far Eastern settlement. The policies that follow from Mr. Rusk's view would kill that possibility, driving China still closer to Moscow. They would lead to prolonged and expanding hostilities, requiring the MacArthur strategy which Mr. Rusk apparently considers inexpedient at present, rather than mistaken.

"Fanaticism on the issue of Communism is very common and very dangerous. A Communist is a fanatic if he thinks it worth while to make war in order to destroy capitalism. An anti-Communist is a fanatic if he thinks it worth while to make war to destroy Communism." — Earl Russell.

## A.F.A. NOTES

By JAMES R. McFALL, Secretary

**Farm Census and Statistical Information.** — On and following Friday, June 1st, farm people and Canadians generally will be asked to assist in bringing Canadian records up to date.

For farmers this will include two reports. First, there is the yearly survey of crops and livestock. This is a simple report form that farmers are urged to fill out and mail. The second to which we refer is the 1951 census. This survey is made every 10 years. The first was made in 1871.

June is usually a busy month and will be particularly so this year with delayed seeding in most areas. Advance schedules of the questions to be answered can be secured from your local post office. We suggest that you secure one of these. It may be that some outside delay will give you an opportunity to have the information required ready when the enumerator calls. In this way you can facilitate his work and at the same time save delay in your other activities.

Some people take the stand that the information required is their own personal business and they wish to keep it as such. We can assure you that the information provided to the enumerator will be kept as confidential. Any information posted for public use only includes figures and does not in any way relate directly to individuals.

We believe it to be in the interests of our industry and of all farmers generally for farmers to extend ready co-operation to census representatives.

**A.F.A. Booklet.** — The Executive wish to announce that a new booklet dealing with the Federation set-up, our objectives, activities and accomplishments is just off the press.

Copies will be mailed to all those on our regular mailing list, which includes the directors and delegates of all affiliate bodies. If you are not on this list and wish to secure a copy, it will be mailed free of charge. Send your request to the Alberta Federation of Agriculture, 515 Lougheed Building, Calgary or 110 Clarke Building, Edmonton.

I suppose this is boasting, but we who have been responsible for compiling and printing this booklet are quite happy with our efforts. We feel that you will find it of considerable interest.

**Experimental Farm Advisory Committee.** — At the last annual meeting, the Blindman Valley Co-op Livestock Association sponsored a resolution dealing with experimental work carried on by our Dominion Experimental Farm Service. This resolution along with other points asked that, "a committee of farmers from the area served by an experimental farm be set up to discuss with the farm staff the problems which need attention in that particular area."

This resolution was endorsed by C.F.A. and was taken to top experimental farm officials for discussion. They did not see their way clear to endorse all the points raised, but did express a desire to try and implement the above clause, and that it be tried out in the area from where the request originated.

Further discussions were then arranged as between Mr. George DeLong, Superintendent of the Lacombe station and the Federation. Following these discussions the Federation assumed the responsibility of naming a farm advisory committee. Those that have been asked to act in this capacity, along with the President and Secretary of the Federation are: Peter Wylie, Leduc; A. B. C. Grenville, Morrin; Don Carlyle, Blackfalds and Carl Antonson, Piroboch.

The first meeting has been arranged

## Gross Income up in '50 but Percentage Down

**WASHINGTON, D.C. —** While the gross income of American farmers in 1950 is believed by Washington Department of Agriculture officials to have exceeded all previous records, their percentage of the total national income showed a falling-off.

Brought Indians From 'Darkness Into Light'  
—Laurie Blood Chief

All who are associated with any branch of the organized farm movement of Alberta, and particularly those who heard the excellent address on Indian affairs given by John Laurie of Calgary at the last Annual Convention of the Farmers' Union of Alberta, will be gratified to learn of the honor done him by the Blood Indian tribe last week, when he was initiated into the tribe as an honorary chief at a meeting in the Blood's community hall east of Glenwood. He was named Chief Red Crow after the head chief of the Bloods who signed the treaty at Blackfoot Crossing in 1877.

## Presented Indians' Case in "Leader"

Our readers will remember that last year Mr. Laurie contributed an important article to **The Western Farm Leader**, entitled "Give the Indians Justice This Time!" He subjected legislation affecting the rights of Indians, then before Parliament at Ottawa, to devastating analysis. He showed that the bill, if adopted, would have involved a breach of Canada's pledged word, and that under its provisions, the basic right of British subjects to appeal to the courts, would have been denied.

## Action by F.U.A. Convention

In December, after Mr. Laurie had presented the Indians' case to the Annual Convention of the F.U.A., the delegates gave their wholehearted support to proposals for the better protection of the Indian rights by amendment of the bill. A resolution by the F.U.A. Convention on this subject, moved by Mrs. R. B. Gunn, then President of the F.W.U.A., was afterwards endorsed by the Alberta Federation of Agriculture and by the Canadian Federation of Agriculture. Important features of the proposals it contained have now been included in a new bill introduced in Parliament during the current session.

At the Glenwood meeting last week, Chief Joe Gull Shield and Honorary Chief Heavy Shield presented the candidate to Archdeacon S. H. Middleton, Chief Mountain, as custodian. Previously an address in Mr. Laurie's honor was given in his native tongue by Frank Red Crow.

## "From Darkness Into Light"

Describing Mr. Laurie as one who had "brought the Indians from darkness into light," and "done more for the Indians than any other man," presiding Chief Percy Creighton asked the Great Spirit to grant the new brother long and prosperous life and many blessings. He crowned the new chief with a striking headdress. Chief Red Crow also received from Earnie Mc-

for June 12th at the Lacombe Experimental Station.

This is just another instance in which the Federation of Agriculture has gained its point. It can be pointed out here that such concessions widen the responsibilities of our farm people and stress the importance of full support of the Federation.

## Is Again Honored



John L. Laurie, Secretary of the Indian Association of Alberta, who was made Chief Red Crow of the Blood Tribe last week. Above he is wearing the headdress of the Stoney, on the occasion of his crowning as Chief White Cloud of that tribe some years ago.

Farlane a scroll duly signed by the blood chiefs and honorary chiefs.

Mr. Laurie was initiated into the Stoney tribe some years ago as Chief White Cloud. He is Canadian representative of the Pan-American League of Indians.

Over 80 per cent of Canadian National Railways earnings in 1950 came from freight traffic.

## REBUILDING STOCKS OF FOUNDATION SEED GRAIN PROBLEM NOW

## Canadian Seed Growers' Convention This Month to Consider Situation

The problem of rebuilding stocks of foundation seed grain faces the annual convention of the Canadian Seed Growers' Association, to be held in Saskatoon on June 20th, 21st and 22nd, when an attendance of more than 400 is expected.

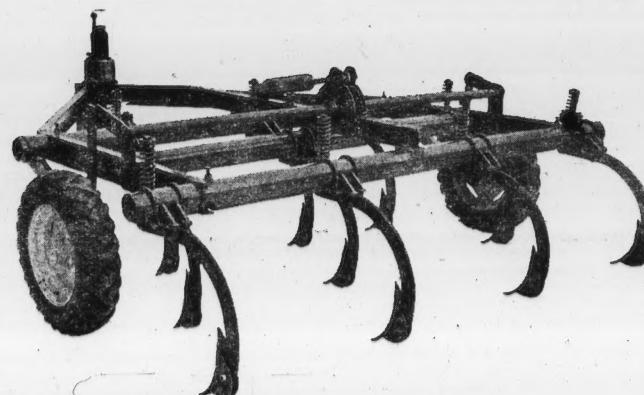
The frosts of the fall of 1950 severely damaged what would have been a big crop of pure seed of wheat, barley, oats and flax in Western Canada — and it is the Prairie Provinces which produce practically all of Canada's pure seed grain. Not only was the quantity cut, but germination of the seed harvested was lowered. It is estimated that the 1950 crop of registered seed wheat was reduced by about 60 per cent, and the outturn of the other grains was also cut, though not quite so severely.

The scarcity of good seed affected prices, and registered oats have been selling this spring for as much as \$2.20 a bushel; barley has been at \$3, wheat \$3.40 and registered flax has been fetching as much as \$10 a bushel.

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## 80-YEAR-OLD DREAM COMES TRUE

By KERRY WOOD

MANY Western pioneers who are still hale and hearty can remember those dim days before the twin steel tracks stretched across the Prairie Provinces.

### Speculative Talk

Back in those pre-railroad days, there was a great deal of speculative talk about the wisdom or otherwise of building a trans-continental railroad to serve this vast and lonely land.

Captain Palliser's expedition to the west in a three-year survey from 1857 to 1860 had, as its chief objective, the investigation of the possibilities of building such a railroad connecting Eastern Canada with the Pacific Coast.

### Advised Dropping Project

After he'd studied the pros and cons of the situation, he strongly recommended that the whole railroad project be dropped.

Part of Palliser's report was worded as follows:

"My knowledge of the country, on the whole, would never lead me to advise a line of communication from Canada, across the continent to the Pacific, exclusively through British Territory."

But a brief ten years after Palliser's adverse report was tabled, conditions in Canada

By this time, the separate colonies of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia had become part of Canada, in 1867. Two years later, the chartered rights of the Hudson's Bay Company in the North-West were brought by the Dominion Government for 300,000 pounds sterling — roughly one and a half million dollars. During 1871, the far-western region of British Columbia joined with Canada as a Province, on the condition that, within ten years of that 1871 date, the Pacific territory would be connected by railroad to the railway systems then established in the East.

### Looking Over the Terrain

The same day that British Columbia joined the Dominion, survey parties set out, from eastern and western points, to look over the terrain to be traversed by the steel rails. And in 1872, Sanford Fleming, the Engineer in Chief, left Toronto during the month of July to journey overland to the West Coast, his object being to personally explore the suggested route of the proposed railroad.

Accompanying Mr. Fleming as secretary was the Reverend George M. Grant. Mr. Grant's notes, made from day to day as the party journeyed from Toronto westward to Vancouver and Victoria, were later published in book form under the title of "Ocean to Ocean". It used to be a well-known book, very popular here in Western Canada where the early homesteaders were fervently wishing that the railroad would come right past their own particular farms.



—Photo by Kerry Wood  
The Sanford Fleming expedition travelled by horseback, and probably "threw the diamond hitch" every morning on the pack ponies, as these men are doing.

had undergone a tremendous change. Canadians were beginning to shake off the long-held conviction that the wild north-western territory was a primitive land suited only to the needs of the Indian and half-breed trappers and the isolated business of the fur-trade.

### Stirrings of Nationhood

There were stirrings of nationhood; a glorious vision rising in men's minds that Canada could become a vigorous, thriving nation of great agricultural and industrial wealth.

Possibly a copy of this good book is still on the shelves of your nearest Public Library. If you can find a copy, it would be well worth your while to read it and enjoy the graphic description of our sprawling Western land during its last days as a fur-trading wilderness that was just about to grow up into a young nation.

### Expedition Reaches Fort Garry

Let's review the Western portion of the Sanford Fleming Expedition here-with. The Reverend Mr. Grant recorded that they reached Fort Garry, now the thriving City of Winnipeg, on August 1st of 1872. Manitoba was then a Province of Canada, with a



—Photo by Kerry Wood  
A placer miner panning for a "show of color" in the waters of the Red Deer River . . . just as miners were doing back in 1872, in the deep canyons of this stream.

population of fifteen thousand inhabitants scattered throughout its area. Of that total, only two thousand people were what Mr. Grant chose to call "pure whites", the rest of the thirteen thousand being Indians and half-breeds.

Then Mr. Grant gets busy with the details of the day-to-day happenings on the nine hundred mile journey from Fort Garry to Edmonton. The personnel of the party included the Chief Engineer, Sanford Fleming, a doctor, a botanist, the good secretary himself, and some Indian and half-breed helpers, the whole group travelling by horse-back as speedily as possible. The Reverend John McDougall, pioneer Methodist missionary and founder of the Indian Missions at Crystal Springs and Morley, Alberta, had joined the party at Fort Garry, along with some Hudson's Bay Company men who were travelling to Edmonton on fur-trading business.

Every morning the entire party rose at an early hour and saddled and loaded the horses, endeavoring to ride a dozen or more miles before stopping for breakfast and a breather. Then on again, riding some fifteen miles before halting for a lunch period. How paltry those distances seem to us today, with our high-speed cars, railroads, and airplanes providing swift passage across the shrunken miles.

#### A Pessimist and Two Optimists

While recording the day-to-day happenings, the good minister frequently deplored the poor appearance of the prairie land — he just couldn't visualize the prairies as habitable country. But the West had a staunch champion in the Reverend Mr. McDougall; moreover, Mr. McDougall kept promising better country as they proceeded farther West out of the dry belt and reached the territory he knew so well. Another man who was optimistic about the country Mr. Grant despaired about was the party's botanist, who claimed that the rich fertility of the soil was abundantly proven by the lush growths of grass and other fodders found everywhere.

Mr. Grant's notes tend to become more cheerful about the future prospects of the country, as they ride farther west. Interesting items come thick and fast, too. For example, they spent a Sunday camped at an Indian mission post and furtrading establishment at Whitefish Lake, where he met a school teacher called Snyder who taught eighty Cree children. He was quite a teacher, too. Mr. Snyder

taught the Indian children the Three R's at the school house all winter long. But when spring came, the Indian families left the settlement to go out onto the prairies to hunt buffalo. Mr. Snyder promptly packed his school books and slates on a pack-horse, clambered onto a saddle pony, and accompanied the foot-loose Indians, setting up his school for their children whenever the redmen made camp. The teacher spent several months of the year pursuing his young charges in this nomadic manner — hunting for half a day with the Indians, teaching their youngsters during the afternoons. And it is most pleasant to read Mr. Grant's comments that the Indians themselves greatly valued the teacher's good work on behalf of their children.

#### Seven Years — No Crop Failure

Grain had been grown at this Whitefish Lake settlement seven consecutive years — seven years, mind you! And during those seven years, there had not been a single crop failure. Not one, sir! This may seem like a very small brag to us, because we've now got many Western farm districts that can boast of never having suffered a crop failure during fifty and more years of continuous farming.

The good Mr. Grant, being a minister himself, was naturally very keenly interested in studying at first hand the missionary work in the wilderness. He wrote that it was greatly to the credit of our Canadian Indians that they had never injured any missionary in the west, a claim that may not be entirely accurate. He recorded that the Indians had often plundered trading posts and robbed and murdered the traders themselves, but even when the Western Indians were most hostile towards the whites, Mr. Grant claimed that missionaries were allowed to mingle with them and speak freely in their councils, and were everywhere treated with vast respect.

Quoting his own text: "Reverence is a strong trait in the primitive Indian character. His own language supplies him with no words for profane swearing; if an Indian wishes to blaspheme, he must borrow from the English or French languages."

#### An Amusing Incident

Farther on in the book we come to an amusing incident, when the party of travellers invite the fur-trader and school teachers at one hinterland settlement to have supper with the members of the expedition at their camp. One of the teachers had a wife, so this lady accompanied her husband on that social occasion. It was the first time that the survey party had had a lady in camp, and her charming presence had a very noticeable effect upon the manners of the men. Everyone was sprightly and most polite, taking great pains to "do try a little of this" or "please pass that" and "could I trouble you for the salt Mrs. B.?"

The Irish cook, a man called Terry, was especially attentive to the fair

# WHEAT POOL

## ELECTIONS

The Alberta Wheat Pool is a democratic farm organization, the control of which is in the hands of the farmers themselves. Representation is through the 70 elected delegates, all of whom are farmers.

This year elections for delegates are being held in the 35 odd-numbered Wheat Pool sub-districts. Nomination papers have been sent out to all members. These should be filled in and signed by at least ten members and sent in to the head office in Calgary not later than June 30th.

The importance of choosing capable men as Alberta Wheat Pool delegates cannot be overemphasized. These delegates are the representatives of the members, and are the directing force of the Alberta Wheat Pool.

While there is still considerable time before nominations must be submitted, the best plan is to get them in early.

# ALBERTA WHEAT POOL

#### Sheep Numbers Are Now Showing Upward Trend

OTTAWA, Ont.—More wool was used in Canada last year than in 1949-57,000,000 pounds as compared with 76,000,000. Normally, this country produces about one-sixth of the wool consumed, though in 1950, a year of very low production, the proportion dropped to about one-tenth. However, sheep numbers are now showing an upward trend for the first time since 1944; high world prices for wool has made wool production possible, and Federal Government authorities have actively encouraged a return to sheep farming.

visitor. And when the time came to have the dessert, Terry could not think of allowing the lady to have evaporated peaches on the same plate on which beef-steak had just been served. Heavens, no! The gallant Irishman took her plate, whipped out his handkerchief — (which had not been washed since leaving Fort Garry) — and proceeded to use this exceedingly dirty rag to carefully wipe off the lady's plate before serving the peaches on it! Fortunately, the expedition's doctor chanced to notice what was going on and quickly removed the offending plate.

#### Party Reaches Fort Edmonton

On August 27th of 1872 the party reached Edmonton. They considered Edmonton the finish of their journey across the prairies and the start of their woodland travels, also the point at which they had to make preparations for their crossing of the Rocky Mountains.

At Edmonton they encountered a blackish substance which some of the fort residents called coal. The Reverend Mr. Grant wonders if it is possible that this dull stuff could really be coal? Members of the expedition decided to try some on their own camp fire. They found that the reputed coal burned well and gave off a good heat, but the worthy minister added

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#### Production Record

WASHINGTON, D.C.—World meat production (exclusive of the Far East) is believed to have been the highest on record last year, states the Office of Foreign Agricultural Relations here. Production exceeded by some 6 per cent the 1934-38 average.

#### Useful Pamphlet

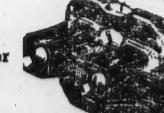
OTTAWA, Ont.—Suitable varieties, rates and times of sowing, and recommended uses are given in a leaflet entitled "Annual Crops for Hay and Pasture"—Publication 860 of the Canada Department of Agriculture.

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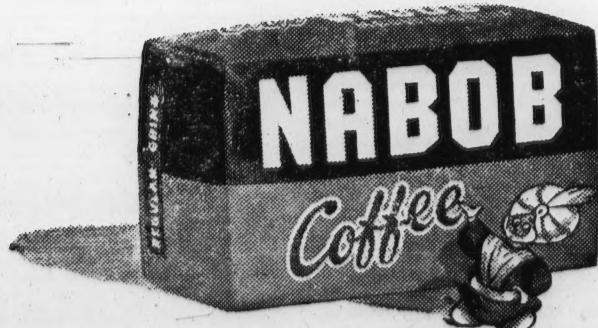
Overcoming hazards in the use of insect-killing chemicals is the topic of a recent bulletin from D. M. McLean, assistant director of Line Elevators Farm Service. Use safety precautions, he urges.

In the dispersal of these insect-killing chemicals, follow the prescribed safety measures and recognize the importance of using masks, goggles, respirators or rubber gloves, of removing contaminated clothing and of thoroughly washing hands, face and other exposed areas before eating, drinking or smoking.

Be alert to symptoms of poisoning, which may vary from skin irritation, headache, nausea, dizziness, twitching muscles to labored breathing; and, if severe, call a doctor. Powerful modern insecticides are valuable aids in the production of food, and there is little danger in using them if proper respect is shown for the hazards involved, concludes Mr. McLean.

Britain's output of refined oil products last year totalled 9.4 million tons compared with 2.5 in 1938.

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## WORLD CHRONICLE

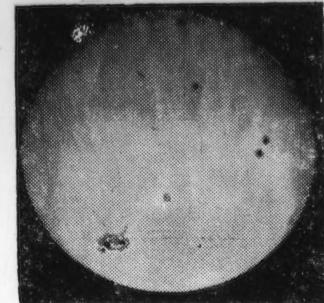
May 16th. — From London comes report Britain wants Japan to pay some war reparations, U.S. opposes.

May 17th. — British note to Iran forwarded to British ambassador in Tehran; calls for high-level talks on oil dispute. Kripalani, former president, resigns from Indian Congress; charges Nehru's leadership leans towards big business. Truman charges MacArthur and Taft policies would put the U.S. in "all-out war with China, all by ourselves." In Korea, Chinese open second spring offensive, drive holes in UN lines.

May 18th. — U.N. assembly votes for arms embargo against China. Speaking to UBC, Vancouver, Dr. Ralph Bunche warns atomic warfare is possible at any time. U.S. assistant Secretary of State Rush suggests U.S. would aid any Chinese revolt against "colonial Russian Government." White House spokesman states firing of MacArthur has been under consideration since last August. Chinese enlarge breach in UN lines in east-central Korea, fail to break through in west. General Clay, on visit to Toronto, says if Russia means war, she will probably strike during next few months. Three-day meeting of British, American, French military leaders ended in Singapore; stated agreement reached on recommendations to respective governments. U.S. jet bomber sets new long distance record, 2,600 miles non-stop. UN orders Israel to suspend drainage operations in Syrian border zone. Britain has 220,000 ground troops in 19 foreign countries, says Ambassador Franks, in Washington. Anglo-Canadian trade committee urges Commonwealth economic conference.

May 19th. — Two drives of Chinese again threaten Seoul with encirclement; heavy casualties said inflicted by UN forces. UK War Minister Strachey declares to turn Korean war into unlimited war with China would be catastrophic.

May 20th. — Iran demands Anglo-Iranian Oil Company appoint representatives to aid in turning over properties. From UN headquarters come reports Russian diplomats have indicated Moscow is anxious for end of Korean conflict. Washington rejects Russian proposal for joint meeting, along with Britain and China (Peking).

Domestic Trouble Brews  
on Old Sol

Those tiny specks shown on the sun's surface indicate there's trouble brewing. When the spots appear, radio reception is not so good on earth and storms are more frequent and severe. The spots seen on the sun recently measured 95,000 by 135,000 miles.

to discuss Japanese treaty. Italy demands easing of peace treaty terms, wants Trieste back. Taft says administration now following policies advocated by MacArthur in Far East. London announces Commonwealth defense ministers to meet in Malta in June.

May 21st. — Iran foreign ministry says any delay in handing over oil properties will provoke anger of Iranians; "holy war" against British and Americans threatened. Western powers refuse Russian demands that Atlantic treaty be discussed at proposed Big Four foreign ministers' meeting. UN forces thrust back new Chinese attacks in western Korea. Bradley advises against use of Chiang Kai-Shek forces against new Chinese regime; says time may come when this would be proper, but not now. Howe announces Ottawa will ration aluminum, copper, brass, beginning June 1st.

May 22nd. — Led by Moslem priests, and by Communists, Iranians demonstrate against Britain and U.S. Britain will not use force in dispute without consultation with U.S., states London report. UN troops advance in West, but retreat in East; Chinese on outskirts of Seoul. Bradley warns Senate inquiry of danger in making known to Russia "all of our intentions;" believes Korean war might dwindle away if current offensive repulsed. New Delhi reports food situation easing in India.

May 23rd. — From Korea comes report of new flame-thrower, similar to napalm (jellied gasoline) bombs, which consumes enemy soldiers in "searing mass" of flames. Communists said in retreat along 125-mile front. Press report from Rio de Janeiro says Peron has ordered arrest of scientist said to have made new atomic discovery two months ago.

May 24th. — British paratroopers to be sent to Middle East (possibly Cyprus) at week-end, reported from London; plans made to evacuate British citizens from Iran, if necessary. Bradley declares Atlantic Pact nations are not now strong enough to resist possible Russian aggression. UN armored force drives north, divides retreating Chinese armies. U.S. House of Representatives votes loan to India for purchase of 2,000,000 tons of grain; bill now goes before joint Congress Committee.

May 25th. — U.S. army chief of staff testifies at Washington that MacArthur violated military orders by

Mexico Buys Breeding  
Livestock from Canada

MEXICO CITY — Dairy cattle, horses, pigs, sheep and pheasants made up several carloads of Canadian livestock recently shipped to Mexico. They were selected by Dr. Figueiroa of the Mexican Department of Agriculture, some for private breeders and others for the Mexican Government.

Smokers' Carelessness Is  
Chief Cause of Fires

OTTAWA, Ont. — Carelessness on the part of smokers starts far more fires than any other one cause — about a third of the 54,500 fires occurring in Canada in 1949, according to officials of the Department of National Health and Welfare. In that year, 183 children were burned to death; and in fires in which children's lives were lost, matches were the chief cause.

sending troops to the Yalu River (boundary between Korea and Manchuria.) Ewinetok atom tests completed, is announced; hinted some of tests may throw light on use of hydrogen type. UN forces cross 38th parallel in two more places.

May 26th. — International Court of Justice asked by British government and Anglo-Iranian Oil company to arbitrate Iranian oil dispute. UN troops continue northward push in Korea. Total North Korean and Chinese casualties in war, to May 23rd, estimated by U.S. army at 1,025,000; figure includes 138,880 non-combatant casualties and 150,000 prisoners of war.

Negotiations between Russia and Italy on war reparations said by Rome report to be near break-down. UN forces in Korea, other than U.S. and South Korean, number more than 50,000, says United Nations report.

May 27th. — Anglo-Iranian Oil Company offers send one representative to meeting of Iran's oil nationalization board. Peking announces treaty with Tibet, giving China control of foreign affairs and trade. Canadians in Korea, after advance of 7 miles, pursue retreating Chinese. Dr. Theodor Koerner, Socialist, defeats Conservative candidate in Austrian election, becomes new president.

May 28th. — Iran refuses to arbitrate oil dispute. General Vandenberg tells U.S. Senate Russian-built planes have better jet engines than "any we have." Malik denies reports of Russian peace feelers. Korean commander Lt.-Gen. Van Fleet says enemy, now retreating, has "lost his nerve" but warns possible comeback. Canadian troops push north of 38th. Two-day Italian elections show gains for De Gasperi's Christian Democrat government.

May 29th. — U.S. Ambassador to Iran arranges luncheon meeting with British Ambassador and Iranian Premier Mossadegh. Communists stage biggest demonstration against "British-American imperialism" in Tehran. South Koreans capture post of Kansong, in North Korea. India declares that like Britain she will be unable to sign peace treaty with Japan to which Nationalist China would be a party.

May 30th. — Ridgway warns China may start still another offensive, though driven back now. Canadian tanks penetrate 6 miles north of 38th.



**Volume of Farm Produce**

OTTAWA, Ont.—Physical volume of Agricultural produce in Canada in 1950 was 139.8 (taking the period 1935-39 as 100). This compared with 122.5 for 1949.

**EIGHTY-YEAR DREAM**

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that it would be most difficult to kindle a fire with this substance unless one had a powerful bellows! Also, he complained that it left a great deal of dirt, dust, and ash behind it: "at the rate of two tons of ashes to one ton of coal!" He commented that this so-called coal seam at Edmonton was three feet in thickness and cropped out in several places along the river banks.

Mr. Hardisty, the fort manager at that time, told Grant that there was a coal seam ten feet thick about seventy miles to the west on the Pembina River, while there was also a good seam up the river near the fort at Rocky Mountain House. Mr. Grant idly speculated about this coal: would it ever be worth anything? We know what it's worth today when the temperature drops down to forty below zero and we shovel the expensive "substance" into our furnaces to keep warm.

**Grain Growing in the Early Days**

Mr. Grant had some interesting things to write about grain growing at Edmonton during those early days. He recorded that the Hudson's Bay Company worked a large farm at Edmonton, with encouraging success. They had raised wheat at that fort nearly thirty years at that time (1872), and during that period had suffered only two or three failures. He reported that barley, potatoes, and turnips were always dependable crops at Fort Edmonton.

However, those early farmers experienced great difficulty with grain growing, when Indians camped near the fort. A band of strange Indians not acquainted with the farming plans would come along and, without the slightest idea that they were doing anything objectionable, would cut down and carry off fence posts around the grain fields to use as fire-wood. Then their horses would eagerly trespass onto the growing grain, thus destroying much of the crop. But despite these set-backs, the farmers at the fort reaped a thousand bushels of wheat for every hundred bushels they sowed. Perhaps that doesn't compare very favorably with the high yields obtained nowadays, but we have to remember that the sowing and harvesting methods of those early days were somewhat crude and wasteful.

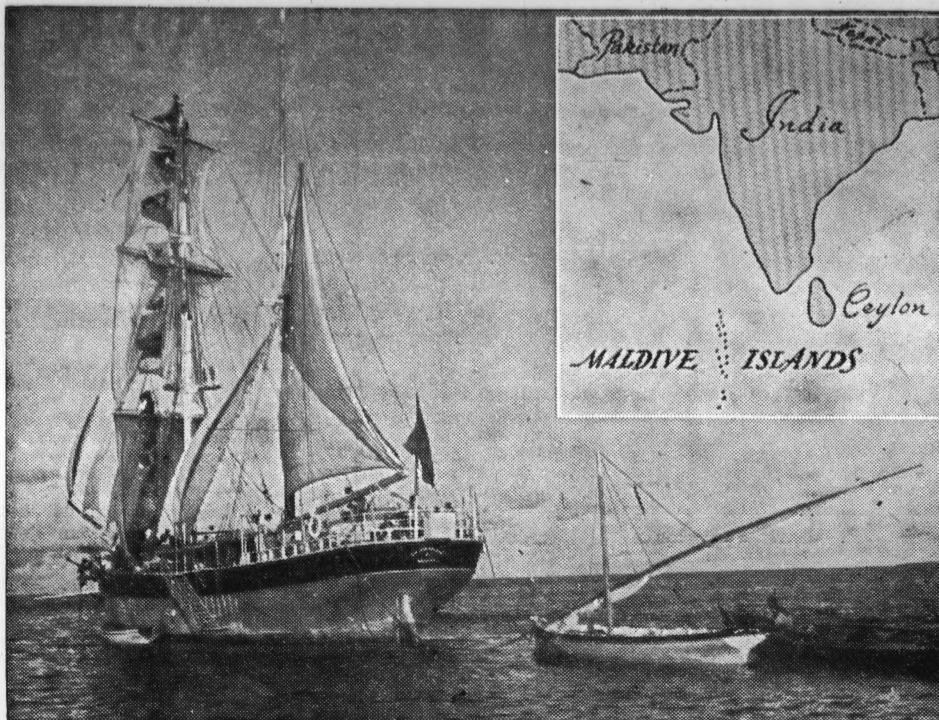
**Early Gold Mining**

Mr. Grant also writes of the gold-mining being carried on during those by-gone days. Fifteen men were working the sand bars on the North Saskatchewan River at Fort Edmonton at that time, most of the men averaging about \$4 per day at this gold washing work. He also wrote that: "three or four of these gold-miners were leaving the next day for the Red Deer River, in some deep canyons of which heavier grains of gold than was usual had been recently found." It is interesting to note that the occasional placer miner still pans the precious dust from the gravels of the North Saskatchewan and Red Deer Rivers, even to this day.

While camped at Edmonton, Mr. Grant summarized his opinions of the country he had recently traveled. Some of the bald prairie land he thought to be miserably poor in quality and practically worthless, from an economic point of view. But he did note that there were fertile strips along the rivers of the Battle, Vermilion, and Red Deer.

**Potential "Garden of the North-West"**

Most interesting to Alberta residents are his comments about the area known as the original home of the Blackfeet Indians, a triangular piece of land between the North and South Saskatchewan Rivers, and especially

**This Successful Mission Has Beneficent Peaceful Purpose**

At a time when the productive resources of the world are being harnessed in large and increasing measure into warlike preparation, there remain important and ill-financed activities of the United Nations which have quite other purposes. Three medical experts of the World Health Organization, branch of the United Nations, are back from a three-month trip in this 50-ton schooner

among the Maldives Islands, off Ceylon. They taught the natives how to avoid elephantiasis, a crippling disease affecting two out of every three persons on the islands. The scientists became ill from food poisoning, set sail for Colombo, 400 miles away. They ran into a cyclone, were nearly wrecked. Radio appeals brought a steamer to their rescue.

a belt of territory along the base of the Rocky Mountains south of Edmonton averaging fifty miles wide and about two hundred miles long. The worthy minister said that this area had been pronounced by many of the fur-traders and missionaries to be the potential Garden of the North-West! How well have Alberta farmers fulfilled that prophecy!

Mr. Grant goes on to praise some parts of the prairie country as being fine looking pasture lands, and he cautiously added that, in time, it may even become suitable for stock raising.

**"Too Rich for Grain Growing"**

He makes the strange protest that, in many places the only real fault of the soil was that it was much too rich to ever make it good grain growing soil! On the whole, however, he believed that the climate and the land are generally favorable for some modified forms of farming, but he plaintively wonders what farmers would do about the scarcity of water and of fuel-woods out on the bald prairie, and he mentioned the prevalence of summer frosts that would make grain growing difficult.

It's a fascinating book to read today, studying his comments about Western Canada's natural resources and his unhappy but considered opinion that this vast region would never be able to support a large population. Of course, we know better, today. We're just starting to learn about the marvellous wealth of natural resources we are blessed with in Western Canada, chiefly the good things that come from our rich, black loam.

But read this fine old book for yourselves: George M. Grant's "Ocean to Ocean", and thrill to his oft-mentioned hope that this vast and lonely Canadian territory, from Atlantic to Pacific, might one day become a great and united nation.

That dream is rapidly coming true.

**Net Income from Farming**

Canadian farmers had a net income, from farming operations, of \$1,461,735,000 in 1950 (excluding Newfoundland).

TORONTO, Ont.—The Banff School the annual meeting of the Canadian of Fine Arts was given the Henry Association for Adult Education, held Marshall Tory Award for 1950, during here recently.

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NEW DELHI, India. — Increase of 25 per cent on one year in the membership of India's co-operative organizations is indicated in figures which have just been made public in the Reserve Bank of India Review. This increase brought total membership at the end of 1949, in 163,875 Societies, to 12,710,000, with working capital of 219,490,000,000 rupees.

Non-agricultural co-operative societies recorded the greatest progress. Their number, membership and capital, as compared with the previous year, for which figures are given in parentheses, were respectively 27,822 (22,920); 5,450,000 (3,630,000); and Rs. 837,300,000 (606,700,000).

## FARM WOMEN'S INTERESTS

Including News of The Farm Women's Union of Alberta

### DAY OF SUSPENSE FOR PARENTS

Comox, B.C.

Dear Farm Women:

This is the time of year when many Mothers — and Fathers, too, I suppose, only possibly they do not talk about it so much — have their "hearts in their mouths", as the saying goes, wondering whether Mary or Jimmy is going to "pass".

May Mean Little . . . or Very Much

Sometimes it will really make little appreciable difference in the life of either the said Mary or Jimmy or the family generally. At other times, it may mean they go off into quite a new life, with all the possibilities, all the interests, all the trials and troubles and tribulations it may offer; or at whatever stage of their school life it occurs, it may mean that a sense of reliance in their ability is developed because they have achieved what they wished, what they had been working for.

Unfortunately, on the other hand, it may mean the beginning of a lack of self-confidence, because of failure. If the disappointment is keen, there is the need of sympathetic understanding and also the reminding the disappointed one that very often what seems a misfortune has often proved to be quite the reverse. The more thorough understanding, if continuing in the old, or the finding of greater pleasure in another choice, has in the end proved to be of greater worth.

I remember I wrote you about being to the High School Graduating ceremony in the nearby city which is the centre of the Larger School Division, and where five High Schools

unite to make a real event of this occasion. The first part is held in one of the movie theatres and the dance which follows, in the large hall.

We Miss the Old-time Curtsey

It was equally interesting this year, the young things looking most attractive in their floor length gowns. But I realized I began to be a bit critical — perhaps the sermon had been too long — but it seemed to me that few were possessed of a really good carriage. Also I could not but think what a pity it was that the custom of the old-time curtsey was so largely dispensed with. I could not but think what a charming picture it would have made if these girls in their filmy gowns had extended their skirts and curtseyed. I wondered if it could not be taught in their physical exercise classes, thus adding to their gracefulness of carriage, and making for a more effective picture in this event of their lives than the mere shaking of hands.

There was one feature possibly a bit unusual for many of us, and that was that the address to the graduating class was given by a clergyman, a Haida Indian, who has a congregation not far away. And excellent advice he gave, although I think there were some who thought that as he had the packed theatre before him, he took the opportunity of giving a sermon to adults as well and somewhat prolonged it for their benefit.

Knowledge Not Enough

He reminded the classes that possibly some 40 per cent would go on to University, the others take up some other part of the world's work. Those fortunate enough to continue their education would realize that they might lose many things in life, but education was something no misfortune could take away. But whatever their work, he considered that tolerance and good will were the basis upon which they should build their lives. Knowledge was not enough, the stabilizing influence of these qualities was needed and should be combined with honesty as an integral part of their lives.

After the presentation came the dance; very pretty as I said, with these gala dresses, and the grand march with its many figures was again a picture I wish you could have seen.

Yours sincerely,  
H. ZELLA SPENCER.

### Why Scientists Risk Contumely of World

"These procedures" (the set of methods of science) "constitute the greatest accomplishments of mankind in his struggle from barbarism to an understanding of himself and the universe. Scientists, in thus discovering or contributing towards new principles of great general import, have in all ages risked the contumely or worse of officials, of the public, and even of their fellows . . . For new findings upset cherished traditions and vested interests, and scientists themselves are seldom personally powerful." — Professor H. J. Muller, an American who has the reputation of being the world's greatest geneticist.

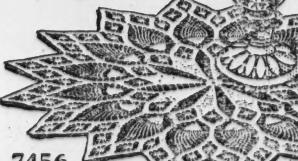
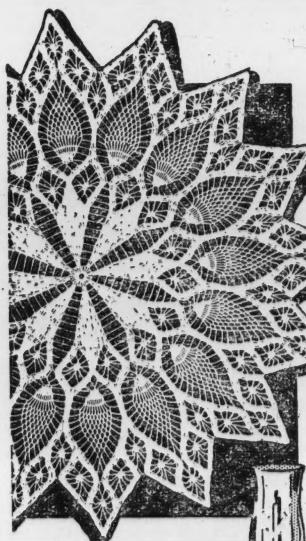
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## Memorable Experience for Two Young Albertans

By MABLE RASMUSON,  
Director District 9, Junior F.U.A.

FOR three days in April, Pete Bergen of Parkland and I had the very great privilege of representing the Junior F.U.A. at the Seventh Annual Conference of the Junior Farmers of Ontario at the Ontario Agricultural College at Guelph. We had a most enjoyable time among the farm young people of our sister province in the East, and were sorry to see the Conference end.

### Never-to-be Forgotten Hospitality

The kindness and the hospitality of the people of Ontario gave us an experience never to be forgotten; and we are grateful to our own farm people who made our visit possible.

It has occurred to me that readers of **The Western Farm Leader** might like to have some of our impressions, and to read a brief account of the events of the Conference.

Eleven hundred Ontario Junior Farmers and friends attended the opening church service of the Conference, whose sessions extended through April 22nd, 23rd, and 24th.

Sunday evening Ontario rural young people conducted a non-denominational church service, an idea that could well be adopted by other rural youth organizations, or for that matter by any group of young people. It gives a wonderful feeling in your heart to know that there are some rural organizations sufficiently interested to consider a church service of this type in their yearly projects. They are to be congratulated.

Prior to the service all juniors who had attended a Provincial leadership camp held a campers' reunion and banquet, when old camp songs and stories were sung and told. The campers were great entertainers and good leaders in singing. Their camp is similar to the Leadership Course held at the Banff School of Fine Arts last October.

### Junior President Reports

Monday morning after the official welcome by Dr. J. L. MacLachlan, President of O.A.C., the Ontario Junior Farmers heard from their President for the past year, Jack Cockburn, of Drumbo. "Too few of us are familiar with the many opportunities Canada offers, and with the agricultural practices, industrial and living conditions in other Provinces," said the Junior President. Club projects should include more study of the growth and development of our own country, he said. This could also be expanded to include additional countries. In this modern age the entire world is a community and we can't live by ourselves whether we would like to or not.

Following the President's address, Dr. W. B. Harvey, University of Western Ontario addressed the gathering on "The Communist Case Examined," his conclusions being that Communists today are not members of a form of government, but fanatical believers in a religious creed. He pointed out the differences between socialism and Communism.

### Visitors from Overseas Too

The afternoon session was given over to a visitors' hour and workshop. Junior work in other countries and Provinces was the theme of the hour. Anne Christie, Dave Hamilton, Rose Mary Stewart and Arthur Young were the visitors from Scotland, while Pete Bergen and Mable Rasmussen were the Alberta guests.

The workshops were divided into different divisions such as public speaking, recreation, farm financing and family relations. Lectures and

instruction were given in these workshops by well informed men and women.

A banquet at which Col. T. L. Kennedy spoke completed the day's main agenda, after which the remainder of the evening was spent dancing, both modern and old time.

Tuesday the boys and girls attended separate sessions, the girls hearing a report from the Federated Women's Institute of Ontario, and a lecture by G. R. Couling on Designing in Colour. The boys visited the different Departments of the Agricultural College.

During the noon hour the visitors were interviewed over the C.B.C. by Norm Sarrioch.

The annual meeting of the Junior Farmers' Association of Ontario commenced at 1 p.m. Reports were given on finances, leadership training and plans for expansion. A resolution of special interest to the Juniors was one urging the Government to consider making financial assistance available to young farmers in a way similar to the Veterans' aid.

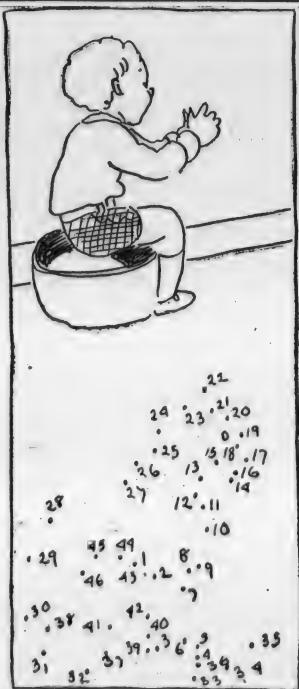
### Girl President for First Time

A great deal of interest was aroused when Eleanor Saracuse of Norfolk County was elected President, this being the first time a girl had been elected to the post. Dave Pelletier was elected vice-president.

Following the conference, a group of Ontario Juniors accompanied the visitors on a tour of Niagara Falls and points of interest.

The Junior Farmers are a grand

### Little Folks' Puzzle



Bobby is sitting on this stool and making shadow pictures, which he can see on the wall. If you would like to see what he has made, join all the numbered dots together, starting with dot number one and ending with dot number forty-six. Use your paints or crayons on this picture.

group of young people and are to be congratulated on their interesting and well conducted conference, and as a guest from Alberta I can say that the hospitality that Pete and I received while there was wonderful.

I firmly believe that exchange visits should be continued between the different Provinces and with other countries in order to bring about closer relations among the farm people of the world.

### FARM HOME & GARDEN

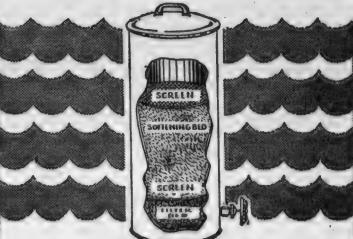
Community Nests are said to have many advantages, among them a reduction in the number of broken and dirty eggs, and greater ease in collecting eggs. They are made up to six feet long, with hinged tops, and an eight-inch entrance in front, for the hens. Publication 857 of the Department of Agriculture, at Ottawa, gives full information.

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"The annual meeting instructed the Directors to make a careful survey of the radio question and if considered feasible a farm program be carried over five Alberta stations. The Executive working on this question, with representatives of member organizations who have agreed to assist financially, have come to the conclusion that it will be necessary to limit our broadcasting, for the time being at least, to two stations.

"Arrangements are now completed to carry our program, Monday through Friday, over CFCN Calgary at 12:00 noon and over CFRN Edmonton at 12:20 p.m. The Edmonton program

will be ten minutes and will include the A.L.C. livestock market report. The Calgary time will be seven minutes in that the A.L.C. market news is already looked after.

"We have chosen as a name for our program "On the Farm Front." It is the purpose of the Federation to make this truly a farm show. It will be controlled and financed by farm organizations. Every effort will be made to bring our listeners factual information dealing with the many farm questions. We want in every way possible to make it a program that will serve our farm people and their organizations.

"We urge you to listen and as time goes along we hope you will drop us a line and express your opinion of our efforts. Constructive criticism will help us to improve the program and thus to better serve our farm people."



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## The Wheat Situation

By E. PATCHING, Publicity Dept.  
Alberta Wheat Pool

The chances that farmers of Western Canada will harvest a bumper crop this year appear good at the present time since the crop is starting under much better than normal moisture conditions. Of course if such a crop is to be harvested, timely rains will be needed throughout the summer. Seeding is much later than usual, but another week of good weather should see most of the wheat in the ground.

The lateness of the season has caused a substantial reduction in the prairie wheat acreage, which the Dominion Bureau of Statistics now estimates at 24,927,000 acres, down 909,000 from last year. Even though below last year's acreage it is still nearly 2½ million acres greater than the average for the past ten years.

### Winter Wheat Crop

While conditions throughout Western Canada appear good, in several important producing areas of the northern hemisphere the prospects for the new crop are not too favorable, according to a report of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. The Bureau points out, however, that forecasts this early in the season are based largely on the area and conditions of winter wheat, as spring wheat seeding is just under way in most northern countries. Winter wheat varieties normally account for some 95 per cent of the total wheat crop in continental Europe and in China, and for about 75 per cent of the United States total. In the Soviet Union, the proportion of winter wheat runs from 30 to 35 per cent, while in Canada less than 5 per cent of the wheat acreage is of winter varieties.

### Backward in Europe, Too

Field work has been backward in many sections of central and western Europe, with acreages expected to fall below the 1950 level. Winter grain crop conditions are spotty, and for the continent as a whole less favorable than last year. Prospects in North Africa are reported to be inferior to last year.

The United States winter wheat crop is now estimated at 682.2 million bushels, which would make it the smallest crop since 1943.

### Good Meeting at Magrath

The Magrath Local of the F.U.A. held the regular monthly meeting recently with a good crowd in attendance. Besides the routine business Donna Wocknitz entertained with a piano solo, and one of the local University of Alberta students, Alan Andersen, spoke to the meeting on the work he is doing at the University; also on the splendid research work which is carried on at the University. Alan is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Andersen, well known farmers of Magrath, and ardent workers on farm organization work.

### FAMINE THAT STALKS INDIA

(Ottawa Citizen)

Canada's approach (to the subject of food for India) was mistaken from the beginning. The relief of hunger is not a capital investment when this hunger reaches famine proportions. Such relief is simply a humanitarian act which should be extended to anyone in similar circumstances. If millions of Russians faced starvation, and Russia asked for aid, then Canadians would expect their Government to help meet the emergency. There should be nothing political about such a deed. It is an act of mercy. If Canada has no wheat of milling grade available, then it should give India a gift of money with which to buy wheat in the United States, or rice in Siam, or herring in Norway. A gift of \$10,000,000 would not bankrupt the treasury, and would do more to win goodwill for Canada than ten million speeches about the West's way of life.

## Livestock Markets Review

CALGARY STOCKYARDS, May 30th.

Hogs sold yesterday \$35, sows \$23.75 liveweight. Good to choice butcher steers \$33 to \$34.50, down to \$28 for common; good to choice butcher heifers \$31.50 to \$33, down to \$27 for common; good to choice fed calves \$32 to \$33.75, down to \$30 for common; good cows \$27 to \$28, down to \$23.50 for common; canners and cutters \$19 to \$23. Good stocker and feeder steers \$31 to \$33.50, down to \$28 for common.

EDMONTON STOCKYARDS, May 28th. — Bulks of good to choice steers rated from \$32 to \$33.75 on this market last week, with heifers of similar quality \$30 to \$32. Good cows sold firm under lenient grading from \$27.50 to \$28.50, with lightweight heiferettes up to \$29.50. Good bologna bulls \$28 to \$29, with odd tops \$29.25 to \$29.50. Good feeder steers sold \$29 to \$31.50. Grade A hogs sold at \$35, from mid-week; good handyweight lambs were \$33 to \$33.50.

## The Dairy Market

Milk production is increasing slowly; recent cool weather is a handicap. There has been no change in price, in the past two weeks. Special cream is 64 cents, No. 1 is 62 and off-grade is 47. Butter is 64, wholesale, in prints.

## Egg and Poultry Market

Egg and poultry prices are unchanged. All large eggs remain at 55, medium 53, pullets 48; A large are 50, medium 48, pullets 43; Grade B are 41, C 33, and crax 31. Grade A chickens, over 5 lbs., are 48 cents; 4-5 lbs., 46; under 4, 42; Grade B are 40 down to 36; C, 30 down to 24. Fowl prices are: Grade A are 44 down to 36; B, 41 down to 33; and C, 30 down to 24.

### TAKES N. DAKOTA POSITION

Robert L. Pharis, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Pharis of Magrath, who was recently awarded the degree of M. Sc. in the Faculty of Agriculture at the University of Alberta, has been appointed instructor in agriculture at Sherwood, North Dakota. He has left for Fargo to prepare for summer work at a conference under Ernest L. De Alton, State Supervisor of Agricultural Education. He was accompanied to Fargo by his wife and parents.

### CONSERVED IN STUBBLE

REGINA, Sask. — Winter snowfall was conserved every year in stubble, in seven years' experiments in Saskatchewan substation, whereas in summer fallow it was conserved in only three years out of seven.

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## News of Women's Locals

In spite of bad roads, often impassable, Fleet F.W.U.A. have held regular monthly meetings, Mrs. E. English writes.

Milo-Queenstown F.W.U.A. have organized a book club, and a new book was issued at the last meeting for review at the June meeting.

Stony Plain F.W.U.A. voted unanimously in favor of the proposed delegation to Ottawa, reports Mrs. John Evjen.

At their last meeting Clyde F.W.U.A. finished a quilt to be shown at the Athabasca Conference, writes Mrs. Kay Siegle, secretary.

Miss B. Reed gave a very interesting sewing machine demonstration at a recent meeting of Sydenham F.W.U.A. (Wainwright). A resolution was passed supporting price control.

Spruceville F.W.U.A. (Lacombe) had to cancel the series of short plays which they had planned to present in April, writes Mrs. A. Swarbrick, because of road conditions.

Inland F.W.U.A. (Vegreville) are holding a special meeting to plan a Farmers' Day picnic. Mrs. J. Zaseybida writes that the members are in favor of a farm delegation to Ottawa.

Members of Bonanza F.W.U.A. recently arranged a "Clean-up Day" at the hall. They are making a quilt, beginning with the carding of the wool, writes Mrs. B. Fletcher.

Members of Willow Springs F.W.U.A. are selling tickets for the Junior Stampede Queen candidate, Shirley Clarke of Magrath. They recently donated \$50 to the building fund of Bon Accord Community Centre.

Willis Soprovich is being sent to the Farm Young People's Week by Hairy Hill F.W.U.A., writes Mrs. Mary G. Mihalcheon, who also reports that this Local favors a delegation to Ottawa.

"We decided to back the mass delegation to Ottawa," writes Mrs. Anna B. Plain, secretary of Sunniedieb F.W.U.A. (Pibroch), who adds: "Our sale of Stampede Queen tickets is coming along fine."

It was decided to commend Mrs. Ross for the stand taken after some officers had resigned, writes Mrs. C. P. Winter, secretary of Horn Hill F.W.U.A. (Penhold). Kees Winter will be this Local's delegate at Farm Young People's Week.

Opposing the suggestion of a mass delegation to Ottawa, Alix F.W.U.A. recently voted in favor of pressing for a board of arbitration, writes the secretary, Mrs. H. M. Parlby. This Local are paying expenses of one delegate to Farm Young People's Week.

"A very happy and interesting meeting" was held at the home of Mrs. H. J. Elliott, writes Mrs. C. Glen, secretary of Westlock F.W.U.A. Mrs. Elliott's Christmas cactus, lovely with a great many fine blooms, gave great pleasure. Mrs. Sterling read the bulletin on Horticulture.

Rain and bad roads made it necessary for Royce F.W.U.A. to postpone indefinitely their pie social and dance in aid of the Hines Creek Nurses' Home, writes Mrs. W. J. Edmunds. The bulletin on horticulture, read at a recent meeting, was found very interesting. Tickets for the Stampede Queen contest were sold.

Three new members joined Innisfree F.W.U.A. at their last meeting, bringing the total for this year to 29, reports Mrs. E. Kuzio. It was reported

## Meets Danish Royalty



Gowned in crinoline and wearing a coronet, Britain's Princess Elizabeth attends a government reception at Lancaster House, London. The affair was a final function for King Frederik and Queen Ingrid of Denmark who have been guests of King George.

that the play made a profit of \$38. The members agreed to send \$10 for the sand and gravel case and \$5 to the cancer fund.

Three Hills F.W.U.A. will contribute \$75 if a delegation to Ottawa is decided upon. They are starting a "travelling basket" in aid of the hall building fund. Bruce Ruby is going to Farm Young People's Week, all expenses paid, writes Mrs. Sommerville, secretary.

Letters from neighbor boys now in Korea were read at a recent meeting of Ardrossan F.W.U.A., expressing thanks for parcels sent. Mrs. Hanlon read the bulletin on horticulture, and she also gave some interesting suggestions of her own, reports Mrs. J. Friel, secretary.

Wild Rose F.W.U.A. (Carolside) is selling tickets for the Junior Stampede Queen candidate, writes Mrs. D. Söberg. Plans were made at a recent meeting for the June 1st Conference, and donations were voted of \$5 each to Farm Young People's Week and the Salvation Army.

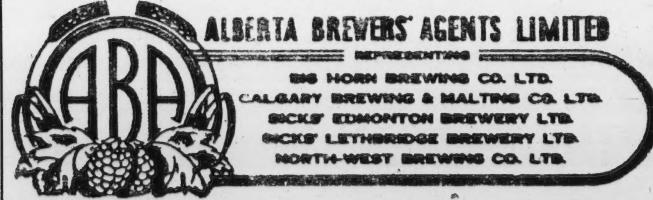
Miss Lothian presented her report on the Red Cross canvass, at a recent meeting of Ranfurly F.W.U.A., showing that \$261.75 had been collected. Reports on a successful dance and raffle were presented by Mrs. Bown and Mrs. Knapp; it was decided to give \$5 to one young person wishing to attend Farm Young People's Week; and a seven-member board was appointed to look after improvement of the local cemetery.

All present at the May meeting of Tofield F.W.U.A. were in favor of sending an F.U.A. delegation to Ottawa, and of helping it financially, writes Mrs. J. Moore. \$10 was voted towards the sand and gravel case, and \$10 to the Tofield Calf Club. A successful

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## About the Junior FUA Candidate

Miss Shirley Clarke, of Magrath, who is bearing the banner for the Junior F.U.A., in the current Calgary Stampede Queen campaign, is a charming blonde, 22 years of age, with sparkling brown eyes, and well endowed with charm, and personality. She finished High School at Magrath, and then attended Calgary Normal. She has specialized in Physical Training, and teaches one or two classes in Tumbling besides her own Grade VI. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Clarke, are well known farmers of the district, and Shirley has always ridden and takes a great interest in the farm, and in young people's activities.

## CUT-OFF DATE JUNE 1st

Cut-off Date for the sale of tickets in the Calgary Stampede Queen Contest was June 1st. This date was set by the Stampede Queen Committee.

## INFANT DEATH RATE

Infant deaths in London (England) were 25 per thousand in 1950, compared with 27 in 1949 and 60 in the immediately pre-war years.

Dance was held earlier in the month.

Menus were planned for the June convention, for which they are catering, at a recent meeting of Partridge Hill F.W.U.A.

## WE CAN WAIT

"The British Federation of Astrologists announces that there will be no world war within the next 20 years. It's a long time to be without one, but we'll just have to be patient and make the best of it, that's all."

Ottawa Citizen.

## TRUMAN'S CHOICE

"I had to choose between MacArthur and the Constitution. I decided to save the Constitution." — President Truman in conversation with a guest at the White House.

"To free oneself is nothing; it is being free which is so difficult." — Andre Gide.

A third fishermen's co-operative has been organized in northern Saskatchewan, from Primrose, Pierce, and Des Isles Lakes.

The first African to hold the post, Dr. Samuel Manuwa has been appointed Director of Medical Services for Nigeria.

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Lissen girls! Want to tell a nice boy from the other kind? Here's how: "When you go out with a boy and he's been watching you for weeks and you say you like something and he falls off his feet telling you he likes it too. You like skiing — let's go next winter. Music — let's go dancing. If you are happy, so is he, if you feel sad he's worried. HE IS NICE." — A Writer in *Colliers* magazine.

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And, snorts Wally, our incurable bach., he is also nuts!

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## MUSTARD AND CRESS

### KNIFE THIS ONE

This is the month, says Cynical Gus, when many a cute little dish who has spent the winter Spooning will make a man fork over.

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We see where the St. Albans (Eng.) City Council is to grow tobacco in the city nursery for free distribution to old-age pensioners. Presumably because, over there, as in Canada, old-age pensioners never have any money to burn.

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Seeing it's June, Sydney, can you tell me why they refer to those pre-nuptial affairs as Bridal Showers? — Chuck of Chukawalla.

That's easy, Chuck. It's because for the sweet young things they signify the beginning of a reign.

### TIME, GENTLEMEN, PLEASE

In case you haven't noticed it, a gent named A. D. Proctor, declares we all ought to be sorry for TIME. Says he, people beat him, waste him, stretch him, clocks strike him, buses and trains run on him and after all that they have the audacity to call him MEAN.

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Personally, we just haven't got TIME to figure that out.

## Harbingers of Spring!

(Heard on the Vancouver Beaches)

The full-throated Bulldozer warbles his song  
To the Tractor, his mate, as they amble along  
The Beach where the wavelets soft fondle the shore  
Where there's Flotsam and Jetsam and logs by the score  
Drifted in through the winter from storm-shattered raft,  
Drifted in like the derelict weather-stripped craft  
Tossed high on the beach by the turbulent wave  
As if spurned by the sea, e'en from watery grave.

The logs are as worms to the rapacious maw  
Of the Bulldozer plying his wide open jaw  
As he piles them and heaps them like funeral pyres  
Which is just what they are, for eventual fires  
"Operation Cremation" will speed on the way,  
To make the Beach tidy against the great day  
When the bevvies of Bathers and Sun-tanners play  
For the gist of the Bulldozer's song is to say:  
IT IS SPRING!!!

VANCOUVER.

W. H. ANDREWS.

Well, at last one of our contributors has come out of winter hibernation. So let him rip!

### VERSATILE VERSES FROM BROTHER BARABASH

A sage advice for the Atomic Age.  
Let God take care of what shall be "TOMORROW?"

To dwell on "YESTERDAY" breeds only sorrow.

Live well "TODAY", be nonchalant as I am —  
Go read the Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam.

### BEAUTY IN BREVITY

If brevity should be the soul of wit,

As many wise men have so often said it,  
What then is the latest "Bikini" fit,

With a beautiful shape wrapped up inside it?

### FRANKLY SPEAKING

In Algebra I am an awful dope;  
I hold no interest in stocks and bonds;

And as for figures, well I only hope  
That someday I may figure out the blonde.

### THINK IT OVER

A message for the proud,  
And for the prudists:

In the sight of Our Lord  
We are all nudists.

— Volodimir Barabash.

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And that will be all for this issue, Sydney. Shall see you again on June 15th. In the meantime, hope you have got your Western Farm Leader Gladious bulbs planted. — V.B.

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### THIS IS AN AWFUL JOKE

Tried for assault in a Glasgow police court the accused was asked what occupation he followed. "I'm an offal man," he said. "I know that," reported the magistrate impatiently, "But what is your occupation?"

A Russian magazine, *Organek*, states that Russian inventors have perfected a device which soon will make it possible for surgeons to replace vital human organs. It should be useful to a lot of Russian editors who have lost their heads through putting their Organ necks out.

### THE TWILIGHT OF THE BARDS

"Never the sun goes down at night,  
And never the dawn shall wake,  
But a soul goes out on the western wind,  
That dies for England's sake."  
Thus is a great land builded  
Out of the hearts that break.

For the greatest land, to climb to fame,  
Must needs have sages, hoary,  
And a golden voice to sing its songs,

And bards to tell its story.

And patriots to die for it  
On the battlefields of glory.

"The pen is mightier than the sword,"  
But those who put their trust in screaming shells build cemeteries

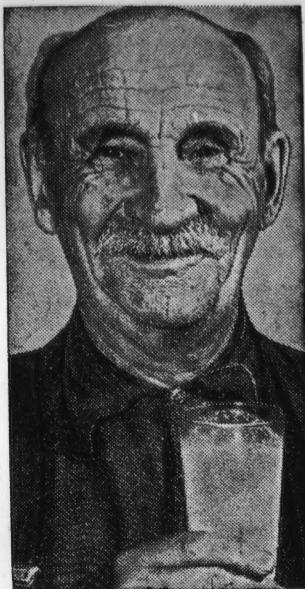
And carve the marble bust,  
And let the great pens of the bards  
Disintegrate in dust.

Z. M. Stewart, Banff.

And how true that poem is full many a Canadian poet knows only too well.

Down in Sevierville, Tenn., where the color line is very BLACKLY drawn, the town council has passed an ordinance which permits Communists to live in the town provided they put up a million dollar bond. Could you call this giving the Reds the Green light?

BATTER UP!

Credits Milk Diet  
For His Long Life

Seen, glass in hand, celebrating his 103rd birthday anniversary, Louis Soucie of Ottawa (above) attributes his longevity to a steady diet of milk, which he takes mixed with water. Not that Mr. Soucie confines himself to milk. He eats enough, he claims, for two men. He has outlived his wife and 14 children. His mother lived to be 106, his father to 97, and his sister died at 99.

## Will Install 3,000 Farm Services This Year

About 3,000 new farm services will be added in 1951 to the present 9,200 of the Calgary Power Company Ltd., it was announced recently. Of the 12,000 Alberta farms receiving central station service, Calgary Power supplies the great majority. During 1950, the Company spent about \$9,500,000 on plant additions, sub-stations, transmission lines, distribution systems, etc., bringing its total investment in the Alberta power system to \$46,000,000.

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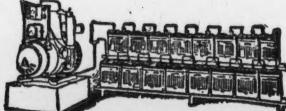
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